

THE LOGGER'S BARK**Radio Club of Tacoma, Inc.****P.O. Box 11188****Tacoma, WA 98411**

AUGUST 2006 EVENTS

Club Meetings: Wednesdays July 12th and 26th at the library Administration building at 7:30 pm, 112th & Waller road. Everyone is invited to attend.

Board Meeting, Wednesday August 2nd 7:30 p.m. Clubhouse - All members welcome

License Testing - TBD, 7:00PM at the RCT clubhouse.

BARK deadline Sunday August 27th 2006- PLEASE get articles, columns, etc. in by that time!

- Support OUR club - Attend meetings, volunteer, Elmer.
- Check in to the 2-meter Net every Tuesday night at 7:30, on 147.28. Hear additional information on programs and other events.
- Check in on the 10 Meter Net every Sunday evening, 8 PM, on 28.375 MHz USB

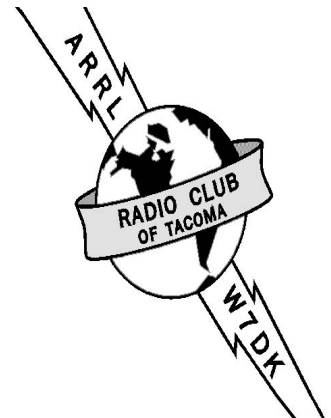
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From The Prez



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Here it is rolling up on the last part of summer. It's been quite warm this year.

(Actually I like it that way.) Although I think we still have quite a bit of it left. Hamfest is the thing most on our minds at this time. Frank AC7JY and Jill K7JIL have been working most of the year getting things organized and ready. I hope you plan to attend or maybe even get involved. It is going to be at Bethel Jr. High, same as last year. This location has worked out well for us for the past several years. It's too bad we can't keep using it. Frank said he and Jill are going to turn over the committee to a new chairperson next year. He and Jill have been running it for several years and think it is time to give someone else a chance. If you think you would be interested in taking on this fun task, please see Frank. He has much help

to offer the next chair. Keep in mind we will need a new location for next year, so if you have any thoughts or ideas we would love to here from you. Think about it. It could be fun. And our club depends on the revenue it generates.

At the last DK at the beach we had a transmitter hunt aka bunny hunt. We had a lot of fun and have expressed an interest in continuing such an activity. We have brought it up at a couple of meetings and it looks like we may want to get something started. Drop me an e-mail and let me know what you think. Let's see if we can have a couple hunts before the summer is over.

My e-mail address is on the web. "73" de kk7qs





Get Plugged In
visit your club's website
www.w7dk.org
for the latest news and
club activities

Elmer Board

Do you need help with some area in ham radio? Here is a place to start... First is the listing of areas of support, followed by a list of members' areas of interest.

1. Technical questions, Classes
2. Help with Code
3. License Examinations
4. Antenna and Station planning
5. Antenna and Tower erection
6. Buying new or used equipment
7. Equipment repair
8. Understanding and operating your equipment
9. DX and Contests
10. Club and ARRL activities
11. Using test equipment
12. IRLP

Name/Call Sign /Phone Number/ Help with topic

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Angela, KC7EQ 253-589-4071: 2

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Gary WG7X 253-984-0868: 1,4,5,6,8,9,10,11

If you are willing to share your time and knowledge with "newbees" and others, let us know and get on the Elmer Board!

Schedule of Events

- Tuesdays August 1st, 8th, 15th 22nd & 29th Club Repeater net 147.280
- Board Meeting Wednesday August 2nd @ 7:30 PM at RCT club house.
- General meetings on 2nd & 4th Wednesdays: that's the 9th & 23rd.

AUGUST 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

EDITORS NOTES...

Hello Again fellow Club members!

We are fully into the summer doldrums.

Not too much going on either on the air or around the sound.

Coming up this month, We have the RCT hamfest to look forward to! Bring your stuff and have a good time.

Next month is the Puyallup Fair and the RCT always has a booth in the hobby hall. Sign up for a shift! It really is pretty interesting and fun.

After that, we'll be entering into contest season, not duck season. Get your stations ready!

Until Next month, 73, Gary WG7X

PS: Thanks to all of you who have submitted material to the "Loggers Bark". Rest assured that we will use it all. Maybe not this month, but it will all eventually be in here! One favor I would ask however: when ever you submit photographs, please include a bit of text about who is in the photo, and what they are doing. OK?

Thanks!...Ur Editor.

WHAT DO YOU DO WITH A RUBBER DUCKY?



Hi Everybody,

We arrived safely in Oahu Wednesday the 5th of July. It was beautiful, temperatures in the middle 80's, sun shining, blue glassy ocean & palm trees swaying.

"Eat your HEART out!"

We stayed in the town of Kapulei, which about 30 minutes from Honolulu. We stayed with a young couple with a little tyke, a bundle of energy! Our grandparent abilities have kicked in!

I enjoyed going to Dole Plantation, we had a great time touring that but the best was tasting the PINEAPPLE-- Ummmm. We took a cruise down to the North Shore to view nature at its best --like a green house turned inside out.

Now we are on Maui. We are with another couple from Tacoma, who have relocated

back to her homeland. They have 3 girls. We took a trip from one mountain Pukalani town to another. It was lush & pure with tropical plants, flowers, coconut trees, running rivers and no snakes or alligators yet.

I am disappointed about the missing snakes and alligators, but the cockroaches will arm wrestle you!. Ask my wife, she'll confirm that!. We were shocked to see a young boy of about 15 & some friends jumping into the fresh river, from a bridge about 30 feet high .Got it on video! This is their back yard. Some folks go to the pool, some to the beach --these folks go to the RIVER.

Today we went to LAHAINA, which was the 1st capital of Hawaii, with the oldest high school west of the Rockies- Lahainaluna High. We were there to meet with a Hawaiian family and TALK STORY- which means, time to enjoy one another's company. More to follow when we get back to Oahu....

enjoy Oahu. We got lost more than once. I have trouble reading the street names. You know, if you put A,E,I,O,U's and some Ks and Ms and Ns and Hs in a hat and shook it up and drew out one letter at a time you would have all the street names you would ever need in Hawaii.

We managed to drive around 90% of Oahu. Beaches, beaches and more beaches! and Girls... Did I mention the GIRLS?

Beaches... We even got wet once!

Waikiki was fantastic More beaches and girls and girls did I mention Girls? I even stayed under control, and the beautiful trees weren't bad either. The last day we went up to Diamond Head, a 0.8 mile climb with a rise of 560 feet; and my heart was just fine. Got home to Tacoma and it was hotter than Hawaii. We didn't do any radio work when there, as I forgot my repeater directory. What few repeaters I got into, I got no response. All of Hawaii is very friendly, except for a few hams??

So busy I didn't miss it.

See you next month, Rich, N7ANF



PS: A big thanks you goes out to all those hardy souls who subbed for me at meetings and such while I was enjoying the high life in Hawaii!

Back from Maui, beautiful flight, one more week to

VE TEAM REPORT

VE REPORT by John AC7WW

On July 11, 2006 seven Volunteer Examiners gathered at the Radio Club of Tacoma clubhouse to administer Amateur Radio tests to five candidates.

Six of eight elements were passed with one new Technician (Deanna Jenks), one new General (Linda, KE7FKX) and a new Extra (Robert KE7BBY).

Congratulations to Deanna on her new license, Linda and Robert for their upgrade.

Many thanks to the VE's that administrated the session, Joe W7RQ, Jon AD7AW, Rich KK7VH, Bill AB7WJ, Don K7QLC, and Roland WQ7P.



PICTURED ABOVE, RCT'S YOUNGEST MEMBER, GILEAD ROSE KE7IGV

SUBMITTED BY HIS PROUD PAPA, RICK KE7EMW



Mini-Swap Meet at the Clubhouse

Last Saturday of each month Mini Swap Meet at the Clubhouse ... 10 a.m. to 2 p.m....There will be food (hot dogs, etc.) ...Bring in your items you want to swap or sell or stop by to see what others bring.



FIRST ARRL ONLINE AUCTION PLANNED FOR OCTOBER

The ARRL may be giving eBay and the other auction sites a little competition in the Amateur Radio arena this fall when the first ARRL Online Auction gets under way. Auction proceeds will help to support the League's educational services and programs. The event now is in the planning stages, says ARRL Business Services Manager Deb Jahnke, K1DAJ.

"We will soon embark on an exciting new venture," Jahnke said in providing the broad strokes of the online auction to ARRL Headquarters staff members.

Jahnke and her Business Services team will organize and manage the event, which is planned for late October -- the exact dates haven't been set yet -- and she promises it will be lots of fun.

"This will not be just another boring auction, because we plan to include many unique and special items related to Amateur Radio," she said. "We are hoping to offer items that will interest our audience, ranging from DXpedition vacation rentals to restored Collins 75A4s." Jahnke says this inaugural online auction will be limited to 100 items.

The auction will be open to all -- ARRL members and otherwise. Bidders just need online access to take part. "With an online auction, we can reach potential bidders across the nation and around the world," Jahnke pointed out.

Jahnke says she anticipates that the online auction will be open for about two weeks, and participants will need to register in advance. At this stage, she says, the auction planners are seeking additional ideas but no auction booty as yet. Contact Jahnke via e-mail [<djahnke@arrl.org>](mailto:djahnke@arrl.org).

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SWAIN'S ISLAND IS NEWEST DXCC ENTITY

A recent addition to the DXCC rules has led to the designation of Swain's Island (KH8) as the 337th DXCC entity. A brief inaugural DXpedition operating under the call sign KH8SI was to get under way soon.

In June, the ARRL DXCC Desk announced the addition of a Paragraph (c) under Section II, DX List Criteria, 1. Political Entities of the DXCC Rules: "The Entity contains a permanent population, is administered by a local government and is located at least 800 km from its parent. To satisfy the 'permanent population' and 'administered by a local government' criteria of this subsection, an Entity must be listed on either (a) the US Department of State's list of 'Dependencies and Areas of Special Sovereignty' as having a local 'Administrative Center,' or (b) the United Nations' list of 'Non-Self-Governing Territories.'"

The new language effectively reclassified American Samoa as a political entity for DXCC purposes. Subsequently, the DX Advisory Committee and the Awards Committee concurred with a request, ac-

companied by substantiating evidence, and added Swain's Island to the DXCC List as the first "separation entity" from American Samoa.

"The distance between American Samoa and Swain's Island has been determined to be in excess of 350 km as required by DXCC Rules Section II, Paragraph 2, Section b)," the DXCC Desk said. Contacts made with Swain's Island on or after 0001 UTC on July 22, 2006, will count for DXCC credit.

For more information, including the DXCC Reference Number for Swain's

Island, contact the DXCC Desk [<dxcc@arrl.org>](mailto:dxcc@arrl.org).

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"MAGIC BAND" DOES ITS THING

Stations in several parts of the US took advantage of a monster opening on 6 meters -- the "Magic Band" -- Wednesday, July 12. The Daily DX

<<http://www.dailydx.com>> Editor Bernie McClenny, W3UR, who also edits "How's DX?" for QST, says the band began warming up at his Maryland QTH before sunrise, but the biggest opening occurred just before 2100 UTC.

"The band stayed open to Europe until just after 0000Z today," McClenny said July 13. He credits fellow 6-meter DX chaser Marty Green, K2PLF, with tipping him off. "I ran downstairs and could not believe my ears," McClenny enthused in the July 13 edition of The Daily DX. "I have never heard conditions so good and so widespread into Europe."

McClenny said "the band was packed" from about 50.066 to well above 50.200 MHz with CW and SSB signals and even a few weak digital signals. So bountiful were the 6-meter DX spots, he recounts, "I didn't know where to begin." McClenny said conditions were so good "stations with 10-foot high antennas and 5 W were making it across the pond."

QST's "World Above 50 MHz" Editor Gene Zimmerman, W3ZZ, called it "probably the best 6 meter Es [sporadic E] opening of all time" into Europe. "I worked about two dozen Europeans as far east as Bulgaria but no new countries," Zimmerman said.

Rich Lawrence, KB1DMX, in Connecticut reported hearing stations in Italy, France, Spain, England, the Canary Islands, Serbia, Belgium and the Azores.

Rick Tharrington, KD4JRX, in North Carolina was among those posting exclamatory reports to the SixClub reflector. "I could not believe the European stations on the band," he said. "It sounded like 20 meters for

while!" He worked EH8BPX and ON4IQ, among others, with 59 reports. "The magic band is working its magic today!" he added.

On the same reflector, Paul Lenharr, KB3NDS, reported working 18 stations in just under 45 minutes from his modest station -- 100 W to a dipole at 35 feet -- in Maryland. "This was one of the best openings for me since I started using 6 meters," he said.

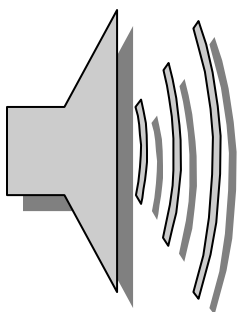
In another SixClub posting, Jack Shutt, W9GT, said the band "was hopping" at his QTH in Indiana the evening of July 12, but he couldn't hear any DX. "Six meters, however, was open coast to coast," he reported, noting that he worked several stations to his west, including a couple in Nevada and one in California.

"I hope we can enjoy these conditions for a while yet," Shutt said. "Sure is fun when 6 is open!"

McClenny said Jose DaSilva, N4IS, in Southern Florida, may have been the first US station to work Montenegro on 6 meters when he snagged YU6DZ at 1559 UTC. "After four seasons on the band," McClenny concluded, "I would have to say that overall this has been the best -- and we are just about at the bottom of the sunspot cycle!"

Are you on 6?"

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*Check in to the Tuesday evening Net at 7:30p.m. on 147.28
(the W7DK repeater) for the latest news
and announcements from the club!*

10 meter Net Sunday evening 8 p.m. On 28.375

CW net meets on Sunday evening 7 p.m. on 28.150

2-Meter SSB Net every Tuesday after FM net, 144.275

FCC SUSPENDS HAM LICENSES FOR FAILURE TO MAINTAIN MAILING ADDRESS

The FCC has suspended two Amateur Radio licenses because the holders had failed to maintain correct mailing addresses in the Commission's licensee database. Special Counsel in the FCC Spectrum Enforcement Division Riley Hollingsworth wrote Larry L. Smith, KC7LJR, of Middleton, Idaho, and Larry J. Maniag, KD7JTG, of Payson, Arizona, on June 28 to inform them the FCC was suspending their Technician tickets for the remainder of their license terms or until each licensee provides a valid mailing address.

In his letter to Smith, Hollingsworth noted that on three occasions in late 2005, the FCC had been unable to deliver warning notices alleging deliberate interference to a 2-meter repeater system.

He told Maniag that the US Postal Service earlier this year returned as undeliverable two warning notices alleging deliberate interference with several repeaters.

Hollingsworth cited §97.23 of the Commission's Amateur Radio Service rules that requires each license grant to show the licensee's correct name and mailing address. The rule provides that "revocation of the station license or suspension of the operator license may result when correspondence from the FCC is returned as undeliverable because the grantee failed to provide the correct mailing address."

Hollingsworth cited the same rule to an Ohio licensee apparently tempting a similar fate. On June 26 Hollingsworth afforded Robert D. Reckner, W8IQJ, more time to respond to complaints involving his service as MIDCARS net control. The complaint alleges deliberate interference as a result of his starting the net on top of existing communications on 7.258 MHz in April. A June 1 letter enclosing the complaint came back to the FCC as undeliverable, he said.

In another failure-to-reply case, Hollingsworth notified William E. Kuth, KB2SGQ, of Utica, New York, on June 27 that his license renewal application has been designated for dismissal. That action effectively eliminates Kuth's Amateur Radio privileges, and Hollingsworth reminded him of that fact.

In May, the FCC notified Kuth that his renewal application "could not be routinely granted" and had been referred to the Enforcement Bureau for review. That came in the wake of a Warning Notice for allegedly operating on 26.815 MHz without a license and causing interference

on 10 meters.

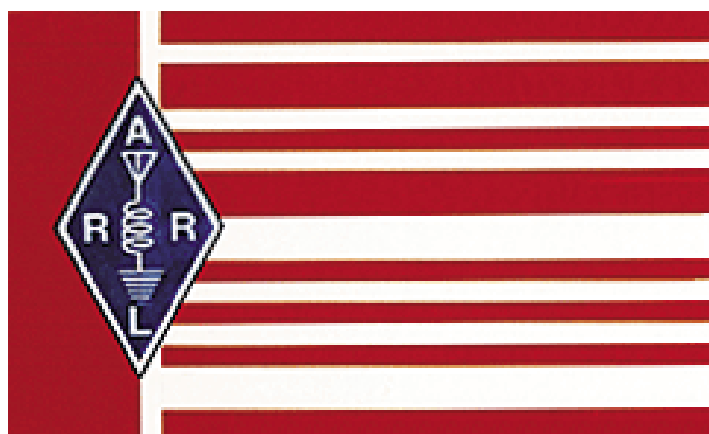
Additional complaints alleged that Kuth operated on 26.945 MHz. Hollingsworth said postal records indicate that Kuth received the FCC inquiry on May 5 but did not respond. The letter to Kuth noted that the address on his renewal application differed from his actual mailing address. Kuth's Technician license expired in November 2004.

The FCC dismissed the upgrade application of Andrew O. Ojwang, KI4LTH, of Roswell, Georgia, based on the licensee's response to "numerous complaints about the operation of your station since the grant of your General class license," Hollingsworth wrote. Following the complaints, the FCC last October set aside Ojwang's General license and his renewal application, which reverted to pending status.

"Pursuant to your response dated May 31, 2006, your General class application is being forwarded to the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau for dismissal," Hollingsworth informed Ojwang on June 28. Complaints regarding Ojwang's on-air operation would have to be resolved before the Commission would consider an upgrade application, Hollingsworth advised. The FCC appears to have renewed Ojwang's Technician ticket for a full 10-year term, however.

Meanwhile, a Texas man, Billy J. Benefiel, W5BJB, turned in his amateur license rather than respond to complaints alleging that he was operating on frequencies not authorized to him as a Technician, and for causing interference.

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MONTENEGRO INTERNATIONAL DX FESTIVAL UNDER WAY

Radio amateurs and equipment from all over Europe and from a few countries outside the continent converged this week on Montenegro -- the newest DXCC entity -- for the Montenegro International DX Festival. The event kicked off at noon on Thursday, July 20, with a salute to Montenegrin hams, the Amateur Radio Association of Montenegro and the country's telecoms authority and military.

The three-week Amateur Radio event is aimed at putting the tiny, new Balkan nation on the DX map in a big way. Seven stations identifying as 4O3T will be on the air from various locations. Nineteen-year old Nikola Ilic, YZ6AMD, made the first 4O3T QSO to start the festival, working DF3IU.

During the formalities, Montenegro Amateur Radio Union President Veso Babic, YU6A, and event organizer Ranko Boca, YT6A, welcomed all visitors to Montenegro. Well-known DXer Martti Laine, OH2BH, discussed some of the challenges facing ham radio as well as the opportunities for further talks with Montenegrin authorities. International Amateur Radio Union representative Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T, promised to help Montenegro become an IARU member-society. Babic also reminded those on hand of Amateur Radio's valuable emergency communication effort following an earthquake in 1979.

Nearly four dozen operators from more than 10 countries are expected to serve as 4O3T operators during the DX Festival, which continues until August 13. ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, and his wife Linda, KA1ZD, will join the event in progress.

Look for 4O3NT on or about these frequencies: CW: 1826.5, 3522, 7022,

10,106, 14,022, 18,072, 21,022, 24,892 and 28,022 kHz; SSB: 3795, 7055,

14,190, 18,145, 21,290, 24,945 and 28,490 kHz; RTTY: 7035, 10,135, 14,085,

18,105, 21,085 and 28,085 kHz; 6 meters, CW/SSB: 50,106 kHz.

An online searchable log will be available on the SRACG Web site <<http://www.yu6scg.cg.yu/log-book-search.html>>.

Yaesu, SteppIR, Acom and the Northern California DX Foundation have supplied equipment for the event.

Festival organizers have set the ambitious goal of 200,000 contacts for the event, which will use all HF bands. DX Festival activities also will include several basic courses on ham radio operating and CEPT license examinations aimed at new and less-experienced radio amateurs.

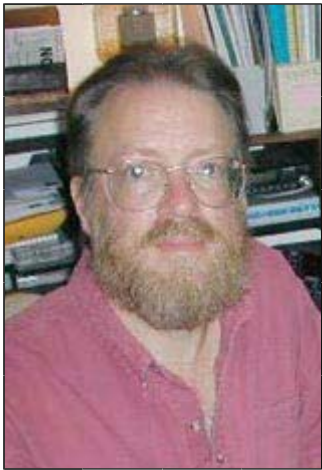
There's still room for more operators, especially during the second and third weeks of the event. Contact Ranko Boca, YT6A <yt6a@cg.yu>, with a copy to Martti Laine, OH2BH <oh2bh@sral.fi>. QSL via YT6A.

The United Nations admitted the Republic of Montenegro as its 192nd member on June 28, automatically making Montenegro the 336th current DXCC entity. Montenegro declared its independence on June 3 following a national referendum May 21.

There are fewer than 100 native radio amateurs in Montenegro. The International Telecommunication Union has not yet assigned a distinctive call sign block to the new country, although current Montenegrin radio amateurs have been using their YU/YT/YZ/4O-prefix call signs.

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CONVERSATIONS FROM THE CONTESTORS RATE SHEET, BY WARD, NOAX



Can I Play, Too?

The stories have been flying out of Brazil fast and furious for the past month, it seems. First the airline scramble, then the travel tales, followed by the contest itself, the judging, the awards, and—poof! - it's all over! This all makes for very good reading, but it's a poor substitute for actually being there.

There must be literally hundreds of motivated, skilled operators sitting at home wonder-

ing how they can be chosen to make that welcome trip to a faraway land and show off their contesting chops. Even with the multi-operator teams (an excellent innovation by the WRTC2006 committee), only a tiny fraction of the world's contesters could be on a team. What's the big secret?

First, a myth and second, a reason. The myth is that getting chosen to go to WRTC requires "connections." While for the first WRTC in 1990 the operators were invited by the host committee, each WRTC since has been more objective and open, culminating in the transparent, public process put in place for WRTC2006. This is unlikely to change, so you should feel comfortable that if you can put up the scores, then you can go!

Now the reason that you see familiar faces in the WRTC reports an operator can be at the top of their game in radio sport for quite a long time. Like being a chess grandmaster, skill at radio sport, once developed, tends to linger. Radiosport primarily requires athleticism of the brain, not the muscles. It's not unusual for an operator to maintain a Top Ten presence for twenty years or more.

This makes it hard to displace Big Guns at the top of their game, but doesn't mean you should give up a dream of attending. There are a number of ways to "get good." Here are three suggestions, by no means the only ones that work:

One - "Übung macht den meister" (practice makes the master) say our German friends. Nothing could be more true, especially in contesting. Put your butt in the chair and your rig on the air!

Treat each contest as an opportunity to learn or polish a skill.

Study your old logs and those of other contesters, particularly those you admire. Ask questions and try to put what you learn

into practice. Work on eliminating bad habits and strive for accuracy!

Two - Assuming the WRTC invitations will be based on contest scores, study the list and focus your efforts on contests that give the biggest rating return. (This also assumes that the radio sport community is informed of the contests that count towards selection, something WRTC hosts should do as far in advance as possible.) If the list of contests varies by region, be sure to take advantage of the contests that favor your location or skills.

Three - Cut the odds in your favor. If you have a small station, see if a bigger station is available. If you live in a disadvantaged area for a particular contest, try to operate from somewhere else! It's possible to guest op in many areas of the US just for the asking. Airplane tickets are often less expensive than a new tower or amplifier! If you're a young contender, see if you can't put in a few more hours than your competition. Put your strengths to work making a few more points, contest after contest.

Let's say you give these your best effort along with maintaining a positive attitude and having the goal of continuous improvement. It won't be long until you *expect* to make the Top Ten instead of being amazed when you do. Your scores will regularly be in territory you might have thought unattainable not long before. You'll find contesting to be a lot more fun, too.

And this is really the Big Secret. A contender that is having fun is much more likely to become good enough to snag a WRTC seat. If you're not having fun, back up a bit and see if you can't find a way to put the fun back in the sport. After all, we're not in this for the mega-buck endorsement deals!

While being a WRTC competitor is certainly a highlight of my contesting career, as I was attending the meetings, operating, and congratulating the other operators, I realized that it was the journey, not the destination, that I enjoyed most. The certificates are welcome, but they're not what keeps me marking off weekends on the household calendar. It's the smile on my face after a good performance, a super opening, or maybe just putting in a good effort with my favorite multi-op teammates.

WRTC is important and it can surely be a terrific lifetime goal.

Don't let its pursuit spoil your journey. "To travel hopefully is a better thing than to arrive." -- Robert Louis Stevenson

73, Ward NOAX

AUGUST CONTESTS

TARA Grid Dip Shindig	0000Z-2400Z, Aug 5
10-10 Int. Summer Contest, SSB	0001Z, Aug 5 to 2359Z, Aug 6
European HF Championship	1200Z-2359Z, Aug 5
North American QSO Party, CW	1800Z, Aug 5 to 0600Z, Aug 6
ARRL UHF Contest	1800Z, Aug 5 to 1800Z, Aug 6
RSGB RoPoCo 2	0700Z-0900Z, Aug 6
SARL HF Phone Contest	1300Z-1630Z, Aug 6
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Aug 9 and 0330Z-0530Z, Aug 9
WAE DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Aug 12 to 2359Z, Aug 13
Maryland-DC QSO Party	1600Z, Aug 12 to 0400Z, Aug 13 and 1600Z-2359Z, Aug 13
SARTG WW RTTY Contest	0000Z-0800Z, Aug 19 and 1600Z-2400Z, Aug 19 and 0800Z-1600Z, Aug 20
ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest	0600 local, Aug 19 to 2400 local, Aug 20
North American QSO Party, SSB	1800Z, Aug 19 to 0600Z, Aug 20
New Jersey QSO Party	2000Z, Aug 19 to 0700Z, Aug 20 and 1300Z, Aug 20 to 0200Z, Aug 21
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Aug 21
ALARA Contest	0600Z, Aug 26 to 1159Z, Aug 27
Hawaii QSO Party	0700Z, Aug 26 to 2200Z, Aug 27
Keyman's Club of Japan Contest	1200Z, Aug 26 to 1200Z, Aug 27
YO DX HF Contest	1200Z, Aug 26 to 1200Z, Aug 27
SCC RTTY Championship	1200Z, Aug 26 to 1159Z, Aug 27
Ohio QSO Party	1600Z, Aug 26 to 0400Z, Aug 27
SARL HF CW Contest	1300Z-1600Z, Aug 27
Kentucky QSO Party	1600Z, Aug 27 to 0400Z, Aug 28

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

5 July, 2006

The 5 July 2006 board meeting was held at the Radio Club of Tacoma club house. President Mick Pier-KK7QS called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Officers and board members present:

President:	Mick Pier -- KK7QS,
Vice President:	Jill Palmer -- K7JIL,
Secretary:	Larry Watson -- KD4VOM,
Treasurer:	Pat Wingerter-- KD7TRC,
Board Member:	Frank Palmer -- AC7JY,
Board Member	Gary McAdams -- WG7X
Board Member	Roddney Saucedo --
WV7O	
Board Member	Peter Baker -- AD7EU

A sign in sheet with the names of members and guests is attached.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Minutes from the 7 June 2006 board meeting were approved as coordinated and corrected.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Larry Watson -- KD4VOM

Correspondence:

In addition to several QSL cards, bank statements and phone bills, we received notification of the estate of Harry Ball -- W7HHP, whose will has entered probate and which contains a provision that his amateur radio equipment be bequeathed to The Radio Club of Tacoma.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat Wingerter -- KD7TRC

The Treasurer's report was distributed to members for review

A copy of the Monthly financial statement is attached.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Field Day: Nick -- K7MO Reported that the Field Day

logs were being uploaded to "Log Book of the World".

He also reported that the corrected Field Day point count was 9792, vice 9300 for last year's count. Nick also thinks we should look for another site, and tabled the idea of splitting up into two groups. There were lots of questions about the value and feasibility of this concept. There was also a recommendation for some kind of thank you/recognition to the Rifle and Pistol club for using their facilities over the years.

Crawford Mountain Repeater: Nick -- K7MO reported that the Crawford Mountain repeater paperwork and fee has been completed. He will be connecting our ground to the DNR installed halo ground system and will probably need approval for a lightning arrestor (estimated cost around \$60) to complete the DNR inspection requirements.

Hamfest: Frank -- AC7JY reported that around 640 flyers have been mailed and that the next Hamfest planning meeting will be on July 31st at the clubhouse at 6:00 pm.

Library: Larry -- KD4VOM reported that Doug -- AD7AV has made progress and has almost all the items needed to begin the actual labeling of our library documents.

W7DK Picnic: Larry -- KD4VOM reported on the W7DK Picnic at Spanaway Lake. Although not all who attended signed in, we had over 70 for sure. The picnic came in under budget, and folks seem to have a good time and plenty of food. The previous two days rain had left the grounds wet and muddy, but this didn't dampen spirits. As far as we could tell the transmitter hunt was a success as well. A full report is available, and will be filed in the club records. Larry recommended an earlier start to insure we can research and reserve a location before the reservation books fill up.

Puyallup Fair Booth: Pat -- KD7TRC announced that on July 8th, the club website will have this year's fair schedule and sign up forms available.

Planning Committee: Larry -- KD4VOM reported that the Financial Review effort continues with the Open House and Training areas remaining to be completed. The team is focused on the 90th anniversary planning.

The Operating event seems to be well in hand, and the Homecoming is moving along, although we have not yet identified a site, nor determined the catering and other costs. The Operating event is planned to run from 16 to 22 October, and the Homecoming will be either on Friday the 20th or Saturday the 21st.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Standing Rule Amendment: Larry – KD4VOM distributed the text of the two motions to amend the standing rules. Both motions were read and passed. As follows:

Moved and Passed: That the Radio Club of Tacoma Standing Rules dated 3 April 2002 be amended to add the following:

10. MEMBERSHIP PRO-RATA DUES

For the purpose of setting the dues payable by new members who join at any other time than the first half of the year (Defined as January 01 to June 30.) A new member joining the club in the second half of the year (defined as July 1st to October 31st) will be responsible for payment of ½ the annual dues.

New members joining from November 1st to December 31st will pay full dues which will provide them with a membership through December 31st of the following year.

Members making application for renewal and reinstatement shall pay the full annual dues for that year (defined as January 1st through December 31st) regardless of the date of application.

Moved and Passed: that the Radio Club of Tacoma Standing Rules dated 3 April 2002 be amended to add the following:

11. NEW MEMBER PROMOTIONAL MEMBERSHIP

The Radio Club of Tacoma will offer a free full membership in the club for the remainder of the calendar year to anyone who attends the Radio Club of Tacoma Technician Class, tests, and passes their FCC Technician exam elements at the RCT. The Promotional membership ends at the end of the calendar year in which granted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Doc Spike's Chair: Nick – K7MO presented Doc Spike's 1958 chair saved by Jean Wheeler W7ONI and Marv Wheeler KG7B saved the chair in a 1970s remodeling when new chairs were purchased. The Wheelers left the chair with Nick, and it is now returned to the club as a historical memento. It has his call W7OS carved on the back.

Past Presidents: Mick, KK7QS asked that as we research our files and documents that we try and find the names of all of the past presidents for our past presidents recognition board. Larry – KD4VOM is planning to go through the files and sort them by year/decade and category, then create file plans and re-file them. If we come across any of the past president names we don't already have we'll document them.

Club Computer: Larry – KD4VOM reported that Stephen AD7AB has the club computer up and running upstairs. We are beginning to populate files, starting with club administration, minutes, correspondence log, etc. There are three Logon boxes; One for Steve as the "Administrator" another for "The Board" and a third for general club member access. The administrator and board access are password controlled.

Silent Key Procedure: Rick – KE7EMW and Larry – KD4VOM raised the question of whether one had to be an active/paid up member to be honored on the Silent Key board. The consensus was no. Anyone who was at one time a member of the club should have their name on the board. Larry pointed out that there is really no established written procedure that we could find for the Silent Key criteria. Rick – KE7EMW and Larry – KD4VOM will prepare a draft procedure (to include an entry in the BARK) for board review and approval. Rick – KE7EMW and Nick – K7MO are going to research our database and the Silent Key board to identify errors or omissions and try to bring both the database and the Silent Key board up to date.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm

GENERAL MEETING**MINUTES****28 June, 2006**

The 28 June 2006 Monthly Membership meeting was held at the Pierce County Library Administration Building. . President Mick Pier-KK7QS called the meeting to order at 9:32 PM.

Officers and board members present:

President: Mick Pier -- KK7QS
 Secretary: Larry Watson --KD4VOM
 Treasurer: Pat Wingerter --KD7TRC
 Board Member: Roddney Saucedo -- WV7O
 Board Member: Peter Baker -- AD7EU

A sign in sheet with the names of members and guests is attached to the original minutes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Was led by Mick Pier -- KK7QS

INTRODUCTIONS:

Self introductions were completed

ILLNESS or SILENT KEY: Jerry -- W7BUN had a one day appointment at Madigan and has returned to the Regency Rehabilitation center. He checked in to the Tuesday night net, and Nick -- K7MO made a field day contact with Jerry. Larry -- KD4VOM reported on Jay Skidmore -- N7CRE, Silent Key, and former member of the Radio Club of Tacoma. Jay had an illustrious career which included pioneer work in deep sea arctic underwater photography, and after his retirement worked for John Ford filming "Up Periscope" and others. He was active in the Yuma Ham community as well. More information on Jay's life and times will be posted to the W7DK E-Group.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Larry Watson --KD4VOM

Correspondence: included several bank statements, a phone bill, QSL card and a couple of returned mail items.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat Wingerter -- KD7TRC

Treasurer's report was available for review

PROGRAM: Nick Winter -- K7MO

Field Day Wrap Up: ("El Jeffe") Nick Winter -- K7MO and "Commander Bob") Purdom KE7DGQ...

First and foremost -- Thanks to everyone who had a hand in making this year's Field Day a success.

Operations: We did better this year than last, and that's good news...

Station/Band	Station Captain	Contacts	Team
80 CW	Roddney -- WV7O	124	Don -- AC7FA
75 Phone	Nick -- K7MO	334	
40 CW	Rich -- KR7W	444	
40 Phone	Gary -- WG7X	417	
20 CW	Rick -- W7LKG	599	W7AML
20 Phone	Harry -- N7DOE	553	N7DOE/AD7AD/KA7MYU
15 CW	Roddney -- WV7O	102	
15 Phone	Roddney -- WV7O	33	

10 Phone	Nick -- K7MO	1
UHF/VHF	Charles -- KD7UAN	40
GOTA	Al -- N7OMS	34

Demonstrations:

Bike Power	Chuck -- AC7QN / Rich -- KR7W
SSTV	Bob -- KE7DGQ
Satellite QSO	Bob -- KE7DGQ
APRS Demo	Bob -- KE7DGQ
Vintage Radio	Al -- K7PUC

Messages:

K6KPH CW Message, Al -- K7PUC/ Rich -- KR7W
 Section Manager – message passed – Nick -- K7MO
 Relayed two traffic messages – Nick -- K7MO
 Originated ten messages; 8 plus the two relayed messages Nick -- K7MO

Media/Publicity: KE7DGQ/K7MO

KLAY radio interview; Bob -- K7MO and Bob -- KE7DGQ
 Web Submission to ARRL Nick -- K7MO
 City of Tacoma “Amateur Radio Week” Proclamation” Larry -- KD4VOM

Public Location: RCT/Gun ClubPublic Info Table: John -- AC7WWSigns: Creation; Rich -- KR7W, Pat -- KD7TRC, Deployment; Rich KE7EHEVisitors: 64 members and 44 visitors, including:

Pierce County Emergency Management Staff Member visit
 ARRL Section Manager – Ed Bruette – N7MVP
 ARRL NW Division Director Ken Fenstermaker K9JF and XYL Shirley
 ARRL NW Section Emergency Coordinator Ken Dahl K7TAG

Power: 100 % Emergency, 100% effective... KE7DGQ and AC7QNSafety & Comfort: Rick – KE7EMW and KE7IGVFood: Rich, N7ANF ably assisted by Casey -- WY7VSetup/Tear-down:

Transportation logistics Gary -- K7UPG
 Antenna shooters and raisers

Photography: Lee Barker – KE7FCX, Larry – KD4VOM, Mick – KK7QS, Al – N7OMS, Worth – W7WG, Rick – KE7EMW and many more...

General:

Best DX was Australia Phone,
 We worked all states;
 Most worked state; California,
 Least worked state, Delaware... (2)
 Over 64 members and 44 visitors signed in
 8 ARES Members

Highlights:

Nick – K7MO worked W7BUN and N7PP on 2 meters

What worked and didn't...: Bob and Nick solicited and documented a list of things that worked well and some that didn't. They can be found in the final Field Day 2006 report.

The Critic Report: Chuck Kemmer AC7QN Rich Patrick – KR7W and Roddney Saucedo, WV7O The Critic Crew provided the acerbic and mostly tongue-in-cheek report of Field Day Citations for imagined or perceived transgressions of nominal Radio Club of Tacoma operations, procedures or policies real, or imagined...with

Sample citations:

“Too nice or courteous after QSO contact, slowing the rate”

“Too enthusiastic during setup”... “Sitting at Rocket Launcher setup site” which drew a crowd and work commenced, against all known RCT protocol... we can't have that.

Nick – too numerous to list here -- multiple citations; e.g., “Control Freak,” “Operating an air horn without a license”, etc. etc.

“Operating with a plan, repeatedly observed”

“Serving others and promoting safety, comfort and serving on Friday”

Commander Bob, during setup – “over stressed a lack of movement/activity”... total lack of understanding RCT protocols which resulted in high stress for him and manifested a noticeable vein on his neck

“Admitting operating on CB channel 6”, vice the approved RCT CB channel 8

“Use of arcane and unknown phonetics in call signs”...such as: Zanzibar Yakisoba or Yokohama...

“Not writing up enough citations, missing violations left and right”

Pith Helmet – Harry N7DOE was wearing a Pith Helmet, and became winner of the grand prize, for “Pithing in public”..

A tip of our corporate hat to the Critic Crew, which created a welcome element of humor, and made Field Day an even more enjoyable and memorable experience for us all...

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

First Contact Award: Rick Rose – KE7EMW presented the ARRL First Contact Award to Ken Gibson -- KE7IGZ for his contact on 19 June 2006 @ 17:32.

Scout Jamboree: Steve Blacksten provided us with photos from the Club team that supported the recent Scout Jamboree at Fort Lewis

Future ARDF/Fox Hunts: Rich Patrick

RCT Field Day and Club Documentary: Larry – KD4VOM introduced Lee Barker, KE7FCX, who owns his own Audio and Video production firm, is a club member and has offered his services and expertise to help us produce a “Radio Club of Tacoma” documentary. We would appreciate your Field Day photos on CD if possible, but can arrange to make copies of either your digital photos or hard copies if that is more convenient. The documentary will cover the history and activities of the club using whatever information, photos, documents and interviews we can find. If you have items of possible interest, no matter what the date, we'd like to talk to you. Lee will return any photos to you, and would prefer the digital photos in their original full format, without editing if possible. You can get them to Lee – KE7FCX through Larry – KD4VOM.

This project is not intended to replace the individual slide show Field Day CD's that others in the club may produce.

Topic: Name - Call

November Sweepstakes CW: Al K7PUC Announced that he is planning to operate in the upcoming November CW Sweepstakes... inviting some of the new CW operators to participate with him.

Door Prize won by:

Prize/Winner -- None

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**12 July, 2006**

The 12 July 2006 Monthly Membership meeting was held at the Pierce County Library Administration Building. . President Mick Pier-KK7QS called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Officers and board members present:

President:	Mick Pier -- KK7QS
Vice President:	Jill Palmer -- K7JIL
Secretary:	Larry Watson --KD4VOM
Treasurer:	Pat Wingerter --KD7TRC
Board Member:	Frank Palmer--AC7JY

A sign in sheet with the names of members and guests is attached.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Was led by President Mick -- KK7QS

INTRODUCTIONS:

Self introductions were completed

Renewed members Arlene -- KC7CKS and Charles -- KA7GAP Rubert were welcomed, along with Guest Brent Simpson

ILLNESS or SILENT KEY: Steve -- KD7UBE reported that Roy Meyers -- WA7UZL is ill, and Larry -- KD4VOM reported that Jerry is doing about the same. He was able a week or so ago to be taken home for an afternoon BBQ, and with some help got down to his cherished Collins line. Unfortunately one of the rigs wasn't working, a tube he thinks and he's looking forward to getting that fixed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Larry Watson --KD4VOM

Correspondence:

Received a notice that our annual state corporation report was delinquent, but the Treasurer reports that the check has cleared the bank. I contacted the State corporations office and they advised me to ignore the notice, that they have our report, but it was slow getting posted. We also had the usual phone bills and bank statements, some QSL cards and several club newsletters.

Also of note was the notice from the Attorneys handling the estate of Silent Key Harry Ball that they are representing Robin J. Neiswender as Personal Representative for the Estate of Harry E. Ball. Harry's -- W7HHP will leave his amateur radio equipment to the Radio Club of Tacoma.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat Wingerter -- KD7TRC

The Treasurer's report is available for review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Rick -- KE7EMW and Jill Palmer -- K7JIL

HAMFEST: Frank -- AC7JY reported that the next Hamfest meeting will be on Monday, July 31st at the clubhouse. Forms are available to book a table, and/or come to the meeting and volunteer to fill some of the vacant Hamfest jobs. The Hamfest is at the Bethel Junior High School and will be held on August 12th. Once again, this is Franks last year as Hamfest manager. Frank has offered to help with whoever picks up this important club activity. This would be a great time for someone to shadow Frank and learn the details of planning and managing the club's Hamfest. Step right up...

Members were encouraged to help get the word out, by word of mouth, or any nets you may conduct or participate in.

Field Day Critic's Committee Report: Rich --KR7W reported that all three Critics have cited Commander Bob -- KE7DGQ for not publishing a report in the BARK -- Shame on Bob.

VE Report: John Clarke AC7WW reports that the VE testing session held on Tuesday the 11th resulted in one new Technician, Deanna Jenks, one new General Linda -- KE7FKX/AG and a new Extra, Robert -- KE7BBY. John thanked all of the VE examiners that serve during the session. *A copy of the VE testing session report is attached to the original minutes.*

W7DK at the Puyallup Fair: Pat -- KD7TRC reported that plans are underway for this year's fair booth, and sign-ups are moving along smoothly. The fair begins September 8th.

Pat has the sign up sheet, and there is information and e-mail contact information on the W7DK website.

PROGRAM: Nick Winter -- K7MO

Nick, who was unable to make the meeting, missed all the fun as the rest of the meeting was devoted to "eyeball QSOs". Everyone seemed to be taking advantage of the opportunity to chat with others and share their experiences and ideas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Whiskey Group's Organ Visit: Worth -- W7WG reported on the Whiskey Groups tour of the fantastic pipe organ at a local manufacturing facility hosted by Jon -- AD7AW. Jon announced that there will be an open house on the 23rd of July in case any are interested in visiting. The facility is at 121st Street East, East of the Pacific Lutheran University. On July 8, Jon hosted the Whiskey Group members for a tour of the nearly completed organ that will be shipped soon to St. Joseph Cathedral in Co-

lumbus, Ohio. This organ is 40 feet high, 27 feet wide, and 9 feet deep, has 3 keyboards and a pedal keyboard, with about 6000 pipes (66 ranks). It's our biggest one yet. It was built by Paul Fritts and Company, Organ-builders (includes Jon). Attending were Worth - W7WG and XYL Marion, Steve - KD7UBE, Richard - AB7OT (Ellensburg - also guest organist), Harry - KE7FLM, Harry - N7DOE and XYL, Roland - W7LBX and XYL (Issaquah), and K7ILC - Russ (Bellingham). A tour of the shop followed.

Past Presidents research: Larry - KD4VOM announced that we are working on the 90th Anniversary planning and hope to be able to recognize our Past Presidents. He passed around a list of those we know of and solicited any information that would help us make our list more complete.

90th Anniversary Planning: Larry - KD4VOM reminded all that this October, beginning the 16th will be a week long Anniversary Operating Event, and a Homecoming dinner that Friday or Saturday the 20th or 21st.

Tacoma Fest: We were reminded that Peter - AD7EU has reserved a table for us at the Tacoma Fest coming up the last weekend of this month, the 29th and 30th. He is looking for folks to help man the table and promote Amateur Radio and the Club.

Worth also announced that Lynn -- K7OKS is on 7268.5 at 9:15 pm local as they sail across the Pacific in the Pacific Cup race. More information can be found at the Gig Harbor Yacht Club website: <http://www.gigharboryc.com/>. The first photo is from the start at the Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco, California on July 6th...

The second is also from the Gig Harbor Yacht Club Website, and shows Lynn - K7OKS at the knobs. Worth sez Lynn's signal from the sailboat is better than his 10 meter Sunday night net...

Whiskey Group: Steve - KD7UBE added that most of the Whiskey Group folks came by the clubhouse after the Organ Tour and Nick - K7MO kept the clubhouse open for them to get an orientation to our facility and operations - they particularly enjoyed the antique radio museum.

Door Prize won by:

Prize/Winner

The Globemaster Electrical Circuit Tester was won by Morel - W6LIX Who graciously offered it for re-drawing and Bob - N7NCP won the prize.

The meeting was adjourned .



Hey! Y'all: It's time to DO-DA Puyallup!

It's time to be thinking about volunteering for the Radio Club's booth in the Hobby Hall at **The Puyallup Fair**.

The Fair dates are Friday, September 8 through Sunday, September 24. New hours for the Hobby Hall are 10am-10pm Sunday-Thursday and 10am-11pm Friday and Saturday. We will have 3 shifts a day with 2 people per shift again this year. Your admission to the fair is free on the day of your shift.

The shifts will be:

Sunday-Thursday	10am-2pm
	2pm-6pm
	6pm-10pm
Friday-Saturday	10am-2pm
	2pm-6:30pm
	6:30pm-11pm



I am also looking for **fair coordinators** and **emergency fill-ins**. Fair coordinators help with the booth set-up and tear-down as well as the contact person for the day if there are any scheduling, equipment, or booth concerns. The emergency fill-ins are the wonderful people that are available to cover a shift if the scheduled person is unable to make it.

Beginning July 8th, I will have a schedule on the W7DK website for viewing. The sign-up sheets will be available at the general meetings or you may email or call me to volunteer. I will also be updating info on the Tuesday night net and the website will have more information. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please give me a call or email. Thanks....

Pat Wingerter, KD7TRC

pwingerter@harbornet.com

There's still time to volunteer at the Club's WWA Fair booth!

The fair dates are Friday, September 8 through Sunday, September 24. For a schedule of available shifts, please go to www.w7dk.org or call me at 253-274-8657.

This is a great opportunity to meet fellow hams and spread the word about amateur radio. We will have handouts from the ARRL as well as the Radio Club's brochure. In the past, ICOM has donated an HF and a 2meter/440 radio for demonstrations.

I will be sending out admission tickets and parking information toward the end of August. Please consider volunteering for a shift or two at this fun event; you won't regret it!

Pat Wingerter, KD7TRC



Pictured above we see the W7DK booth at the Puyallup fair BEFORE the crowds!

This booth is located in the Hobby Hall right by the North West door. This door is facing the Coca-Cola stage and can get a bit noisy during the afternoon shows!

Oh well.. It is still fun to operate the booth, and after all you get to...

DOO-DAA PUYALLUP!

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE RECENT "EYEBALL QSO CLUB MEETING"





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Day	Name	Call	RCT Number
2	Larry Watson	KD4VOM	1864
3	Larry Vogel	KD7WLR	2222
4	Phillip Gendreau	W7PFZ	1785
5	George Noble	KK7FM	1923
5	Richard Heasty	KK7VH	2070
6	Clark Ballard	N7UH	2229
6	Frank Billington	W7FJB	1320
7	Edward Harwood Jr	KB7FEW	1277
9	Edward Harwood Sr	KA7LGV	1137
9	Joe Lester	K7AWJ	2235
10	Don Perry	K7QLC	522
10	Mike Sexsmith	W7MSX	2189
12	Jim Burns	KC7SYT	1929
13	Ronald Renwick	KE7EWH	2279
15	Jeanne Morton	KD7ZBM	2215
17	George Lightner	KD7QBE	2076
19	Rob Lee	K7TGU	1550
21	Bob Crelling	N7QOZ	1401
24	Ralph Fuller	KA7FIG	950
26	Harold Fisher	W6JYV	2019
27	Marilyn Olson	KJ7BN	1508
28	Steven Blacksten	KD7UBE	2161